

Corruption in GMSDs

***293. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the high level of corruption prevailing in all the Government Medical Store Depots (GMSDs) in the country and their involvement in purchase of spurious drugs worth crores of rupees;

(b) if so, whether any case of corruption has been registered by CBI against any of the DADGs; and

(c) if so, what has been the outcome of the investigation so far and the action taken against the officials involved in corruption cases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) There are 7 Medical Store Depots situated at Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Karnal and Delhi under the Medical Store Organisation. CBI has registered 7 cases of corruption against 4 Deputy Assistant Director Generals of the Medical Store Depots. The present status of these cases is given in annexed statement.

Statement

Cases Registered by CBI against DADGs and their Present Status

| Name of Officers | accused | CBI Case No. with Gist of allegations | Present position of the Case |
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| 1. Shri Vishwa Vibhuti the then Asstt. Director General GMSD, New Delhi | | RC.1/96-ACU(VII) dated 15.5.96 under 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c) of P.C. Act, 1988. While functioning as public servant in the capacity of DADG/ADG, GMSD at Hyderabad and New Delhi during the period June, 1985 to March 1995 amassed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income | 1. After investigation, a Chargesheet was filed in the Court of Spl. Judge, Delhi on 13.7.98 on the charges of possession of disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 19,00,851/-. The case is at the stage of arguments on charges. 2. Besides criminal prosecution, Regular |

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| | in his name and in the name of family members to extent of over Rs. 72 lacs in the form of huge amounts in movable and immovable properties. | Departmental Action for major penalty was recommended by CBI for non-intimation of the movable and immovable assets acquired in his name as well as in the name of his family members. |
| | | 3. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated by the Competent Authority by issuing a Chargesheet to the accused officer for major penalty under CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 on 4.6.98. To conduct an inquiry, Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer were appointed on 27.10.99. Inquiry is in progress. |
| 2. Shri Vishwa Vibhuti, ADG (Stores), GMSD, New Delhi | P.E.-10(A)/97-DLI dated 12.8.97 While working as ADG(Stores), GMSD, Delhi during financial year 1994-95 onwards committed serious lapses in purchase/supply of medicines for more than the sanctioned budget and thereby accepted supply of worth Rs. 2.61 crores against the sanctioned budget of Rs. 50 lacs only for Tihar Jail Hospital. GMSD supplied medicines to Jail Hospital in violation of rules maintained in GMSD Manual as the indent was made on telephonic conversation and | 1. After completion of investigation, CBI recommended Regular Department Action for major penalty under CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 against the accused officers. 2. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated by Competent Authority by issuing a Chargesheet to the accused officers for major penalty under CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 on 4.6.99. To conduct an inquiry, Inquiry Officer and presenting Officer were appointed on 19.4.2000. Inquiry is to |

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| | as the indented medicines were in excess of their demand and of such nature which were not required in Jail Hospital. | be initiated by the I.O. |
| 3. Shri Vishwa Vibhuti, ADG GMSD, New Delhi | RC.3(A)/96-ACU dated 8.8.96 While working as DADG/ADG in GMSD, New Delhi during July, 1991 to March, 1995 purchased drugs at higher rates from firms with which his family members were connected. | 1. After completion of investigation, CBI referred the matter to the Ministry for initiating regular departmental action against the accused officer. 2. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated by issuing a chargesheet on 27.4.98. Inquiry completed. Case is to be referred to Central Vigilance Commission for 2nd Stage Advice. |
| 4. Shri Y .K. Aggarwal, Then ADG, GMSD, New Delhi. | RC. 17/97-DLI dated 2.7.98. While functioning as public servant during the financial year 1997 conspired to extort money from various suppliers of medicine and threatened them that in case they report the matter to the police M.S.O. will not place further orders with their firms. During the search conducted by CBI, Rs. 1 lac in cash was seized from Shri Y.K. Aggarwal. | 1. After investigation, CBI recommended Regular Departmental Action for major penalty against Shri Y.K. Aggarwal, ADG, New Delhi. 2. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the accused officers by issuing Chargesheet on 4.6.99. To conduct an inquiry, Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer were appointed on 20.8.99. Inquiry is in progress. |
| 5. Shri Y.K. Aggarwal, ADG (Stores), GMSD, New Delhi. | P.E.-4(A)/97-DLI dt. 10.3.97 Unauthorised possession of | |

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| | <p>copies of a secret communication sent to Dte. General of Health Services and Joint Secretary (Vig.) d, M/o Health and Family Welfare for obtaining sanction for prosecution against him in another case registered by the CBI.</p> | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After investigation, CBI recommended "minor penalty" against Shri Y. K. Aggarwal. 2. The Ministry is considering intitation of disciplinary proceedings against the accused officer and is in the process of collecting necessary documents from CBI. Last communication was made with the CBI on 7.8.2000. | |
| <p>6. Shri Y.K. Aggarwal, ADG, GMSD, New Delhi</p> | <p>RC.12(A)/94-DLI dt. 27.1.94.</p> <p>For acquiring assets, movable and immovable properties, disproportionate to known sources of income.</p> | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After completion of investigation, CBI recommended prosecution and Regular Departmental Action for major penalty under CCS(CCA) Rules, 1965. Chargesheet was filed by CBI in Court of Spl. Judge on 12.6.98 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(e) of PC Act, 1988. | |

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| | 2. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated by the Competent Authority on 19.11.97. Prosecution Sanction was issued on 12.12.97. Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer were appointed on 8.6.2000 to conduct an inquiry. Inquiry is in progress. | |
| 7. Shri Choudhary, DADG, GMSD, Calcutta and | Samir RC.70/89-Calcutta For purchase of medical instruments at exorbitant rates and giving undue favour to the supplier. | 1. After completion of investigation, CBI recommended Regular Departmental Action for major penalty proceedings. 2. Chargesheet was issued by the Competent Authority on 20.11.96. Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer were appointed on 24.4.97 to conduct an inquiry. Inquiry is in progress. |
| Shri M.V. Ramana, DADG, Hyderabad. | -do- | -do- |

Purchase of Locomotives and Coaches

*294. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have placed orders for purchase of locomotives and coaches for Shatabli and Rajdhani Express trains from a foreign firm;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of such purchases during the last six months, with price of locomotives and coaches;